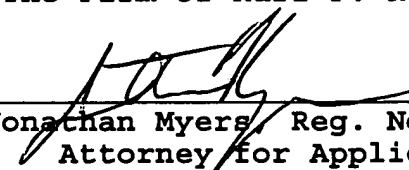


claims of Groups I and II is improper since the pharmaceutical compositions within the scope of Group I may or may not include a signalling system. Note that original claim 1 does not require a signalling system but that dependent claim 25 does require the signalling system. Similarly the claims of Group II may or may not require a signalling system. Note that claim 30 does not require a signalling system, but that claim 31 does require the signalling system. Therefore there is no correspondence between the claims of Groups I and II and whether the claimed composition or claimed method of administering the claimed composition includes a signalling system within the composition. The claims of Group I include compositions both with and without a signalling system and the method of administration claims of Group II include the administration of compositions both with and without signalling systems. Thus whether the compositions include a signalling system is not a basis on which the Examiner can properly require restriction.

An action on the merits is awaited.

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